

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1           1.     A cable guide comprising:

2                 a hollow body, said body provided with a slot that extends through a wall  
3     of the hollow body and extends between first and second ends of the body to  
4     allow cable to be added or removed from the body,

5                 a column ring provided on a first end of said body, said column ring  
6     provided with channels on its outer edge for removably receiving cables within  
7     the channels, said column ring being rotatable so that each channel can  
8     sequentially align with said slot to provide access to each channel, and

9                 the body provided with a cylindrical portion adjacent the second end onto  
10    which cable ties can be pre-tied in preparation for slipping the cable ties off the  
11    second end and around a bundle of cables as the cables exit the second end.

1           2.     A cable guide according to Claim 1 further comprising:

2                 a flexible boot secured to said second end for squeezing the cables into a  
3     bundle as they exit the second end.

1           3.     A cable guide according to Claim 2 further comprising:

2                 said flexible boot provided with a boot slot that extends through the boot,  
3     said boot slot being aligned with said slot in the body.

1           4.     A cable guide according to Claim 3 further comprising:

2                 said flexible boot provided with a central opening that is continuous with  
3     the boot slot.

1           5.     A cable guide according to Claim 4 further comprising:

2                 flexible fingers extending into said central opening as a means of  
3     squeezing cables into a bundle as the cables exit the second end.

1           6.     A cable guide according to Claim 5 wherein the flexible boot is  
2     smaller than the second end so that cable ties that are pre-tied around the  
3     cylindrical portion of the body can be slid off of the second end.

1           7.     A cable guide according to Claim 1 wherein the first end has a  
2     larger diameter than the second end.

1           8.     A cable guide according to Claim 7 wherein the cylindrical end had  
2     a diameter approximately the same as the diameter of the second end.

1           9.     A cable guide according to Claim 1 further comprising:

2           a separating ring provided on the first end so that the separating ring  
3     divides each channel into an inner half and an outer half, said separating ring  
4     provided with a ring opening extending through the separating ring, said  
5     separating ring being rotatable so that the ring opening sequentially aligns with  
6     each channel to provide access between the inner half and the outer half for  
7     each channel.

1           10.    A cable guide according to Claim 1 further comprising:

2           a mark provided on said column ring in association with each channel to  
3     identify the channel and cable contained within the channel.

1           11.    A cable guide according to Claim 1 wherein the channels are  
2     spaced apart from each other so that the slot in the body can be positioned so  
3     that it does not align with any of the channels as a means of retaining cable  
4     within the channels.